

State Income Tax Credit for Hearing Aids

Important points to communicate to legislators

- Hearing aids are the third largest item a person purchases after a home or car.
- Family income of people with hearing loss averages less than half of the whole population.
- Average price of basic aids is \$1,601/\$3,200 per hearing aid.
- Many require programmable aids which can cost \$7,000 - \$8,000 for a pair.
- Untreated hearing loss can lead to loss of employment, independence, social isolation, depression and safety issues.
- Currently 1.4 million Michigan residents – or 14% of Michigan's population - have reported having a hearing loss